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86-285

RE: Request for Waiver of Regulatory  
Fees for Fiscal Year 2000  
KMRC  
Fee Control No. 0009198835490021  
Fee Paid: \$425.00

Dear Mr. Andras:

This is in response to your request for waiver of regulatory fees for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000, filed on behalf of KMRC-AM, Morgan City, Louisiana (KMRC). Your request was filed with a payment of \$425.00, the regulatory fee established for KMRC.

You argue in the request that the fee established for KMRC should be reduced because KMRC pays a higher fee than does a neighboring station, which is listed as serving a lower population than you believe accurate. The fee for KMRC is the fee established for a class D AM station serving a population of 20,001 to 50,000. *See Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2000*, 15 FCC Rcd 14478, 14544 (2000). We requested a population recalculation for KMRC, which determined that the correct population figure for KMRC is 39,850. Thus, the fee established for KMRC is correct. We have reviewed your submission and do not find good cause to waive or reduce the regulatory fee. Therefore your request for waiver is denied.

We appreciate your bringing to our attention the possibility that the fee for KBZE-FM may have been calculated incorrectly. We have referred this matter to the appropriate office for review and action as appropriate.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please call the Revenue & Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Reger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "R".

 Mark A. Reger  
Chief Financial Officer

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Requesting help;

8/24/00

I am writing to request that the Regulatory Fee currently assessed to KMRC-AM in Morgan City, Louisiana be lowered. It is currently set at \$425.00, but I am asking that it be adjusted to the amount of \$250.00. I offer the following as my reasons:

In Morgan City, there are 4 radio station licensed to the immediate area. They are as follows:

KQKI 95.3 FM CLASS C3 (this fee is currently \$625.00)  
KFX Y 96.7 FM CLASS A (this fee is currently \$625.00)  
KBZE 105.9 FM CLASS A (this fee is currently \$300.00)  
KMRC 1430 AM CLASS D (this fee is currently \$425.00)

The populations served for these stations are listed as such:

KQKI-FM -- population -- 39,118  
KFX Y-FM --population -- 32,190  
KBZE-FM --population -- 16,274  
KMRC-AM --population --39,900

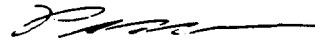
In reviewing these four stations, KMRC is the lowest class, being an AM-CLASS D. Secondly, KMRC which is licensed at 500 watts does not come anywhere close to serving a population of 39,900. This has KMRC as serving the largest area in population, whereas of the 4 stations, it is very much the weakest in signal. KMRC barely covers Morgan City with 15,000 persons.

According to the current structure, for example, KBZE, a 6,000 watt FM just serves 16,274. In reality, KBZE covers and is able to serve 40,000 persons or more. It just does not seem fair to judge a 500 watt AM with the other 3 multi-thousand watts FM's.

KMRC is pleading for a reduction based on the Class of the station (D) and the population served (about 15,000) which, based on the criteria would put the fee at \$250.00.

As the booklet has requested, we are paying the full amount before Sep. 20, 2000 as we are asked to do. But, if this could be adjusted, we would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,



Patrick Andras  
Manager/KMRC

Enclosed is a coverage map. Thanks once again.

KMRC / 1430

# COVERAGE MAP

